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To Mr. BAVIUS, ſecretary to the ſociety of Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

NOT long ago, I fell into a large company of both the ſexes, where the diſcourſe happened to turn upon curioſity. A diſpute ſoon aroſe, in which every one ſided according to his own inclinations. But the two perſons who diſtinguiſhed themſeves moſt remarkably in the debate, were a young Templer and a Cantabrigian. One of the gentlemen of the aſſembly, in order to prevent that effuſion of noiſe which was likely to enſue, propoſed that each of the diſputants ſhould have liberty to make a ſpeech in his own defence; and that SOPHRONIO, a grave philoſopher who ſat next the door, ſhould perform the office of a moderator betwixt them. The reſt of the company agreed to the propoſal; and the Templer began, as nearly as I can remember, in the following manner:

It would be matter of great ſurprize to me, ſhould one of any pretenſions to politeneſs, or even to prudence, attempt to depreciate curioſity before ſo large an audience of the fair ſex: To me, I confeſs, nothing can be a more glaring evidence of its uſefulneſs, than that the ladies are miſtreſſes of it to ſo great a degree of perfection. But ſince this conſideration does not ſeem of any weight with my antagoniſt, I ſhall endeavour to convince him by ſome others. The married ladies can readily inform us of the exquiſite pleaſure which this paſſion afforded us all when we were young, from what they obſerve in their own little ones. When we firſt come into the world, every thing is new about us, curioſity is at that time perpetually exerting itſelf, we are deſirous of prying into every thing that preſents itſelf before us, and are never better pleaſed than when we are indulged in that particular. Not only the pleaſures of childhood, but even thoſe of a more advanced age, depend, in a great meaſure, upon curioſity. How charming is a good play, a fine opera, or a maſquerade, the firſt time of our ſeeing them! And indeed the delight which we afterwards find in the repetition of thoſe entertainments, ought in ſome ſort to be aſcribed to the ſame principle. For we always ſuppoſe, and with reaſon, that ſome of the beauties have eſcaped our firſt views, which upon a nearer ſurvey we may poſſibly diſcover.

Curioſity is a kind of attraction, which draws the beau monde together in all public places; it impells the coaches round the ring in Hyde-park; and gives motion to all thoſe planets which ſhine in the drawing-room. But what need is there, that I ſhould enter into a particular detail of all the pleaſures which flow from curioſity? All the enjoyments of London ſpring mediately from the ſame fountain. Did not curioſity force the ladies from their country retirements, they would languiſh away unknown, *like roſes that in deſarts bloom and die.* On the other hand, when a blooming young virgin firſt arrives in town, like the ſpring, ſhe ſcatters a profuſion of bliſs all around her. The beaus begin to dreſs in all their gayeſt colours. Love takes poſſeſſion of every breaſt, and each pretty poet warbles forth his ſonnets. The married ladies contribute their ſhare of good likewiſe upon the ſame occaſion. They muſt be newly ſet forth; their equipages, ſervants, children, and husbands, muſt all be repaired. How many lace men, tire-women, milliners, mercers, mantua-makers, ſtay-makers, drapers, taylors, ſhoe-makers, toy-men, perriwig-makers, with all their innumerable train of ſubſervient artificers, does ſhe employ? Thus the ſingle and the married ladies together relieve and tranſport the indolent, reward and encourage the induſtrious.

I queſtion whether any virgin would have courage enough to venture upon the married ſtate, without curioſity. 'Tis this paſſion, which inſpirits her with reſolution enough to truſt herſelf in the ſame bed with a man. As SETHOS, before he underwent the initiation, ſtarted back at the fiery furnace, through which he was to paſs, till his deſire of knowing what lay beyond it prompted him to the purſuit. Since curioſity therefore is the parent of matrimony, what infinite advantages does ſociety derive from that noble ſource? PLATO, SOCRATES, and all the illuſtrious line of ſages, who have ever flouriſhed, we are indebted to for curioſity.

You, gentlemen, are acquainted with ſeveral other benefits which the community enjoys from curioſity. The only inſtance I ſhall inſiſt upon at preſent, is, that thirſt of news which, thanks be to heaven, prevails ſo univerſally. To how many compilers of news does this inclination afford a comfortable ſubſiſtence, a warm garret, and a good meal at leaſt once a day? How many hawkers pick up a competency by crying the labours of theſe garretteers about the ſtreets? How many printers, book-ſellers, and keepers of coffee-houſes, owe all that figure which they make to them? No mortal of the leaſt benevolence can, without extaſy, behold ſo much good pullulating from curioſity: which to me ſeems of greatly more ſervice, than diſadvantage. And if this be true, certainly 'tis much better for us to enjoy curioſity, than be without it. What my adverſary may advance to the contrary, I cannot tell: this, however, I will venture to ſay, that he muſt of neceſſity be inconſiſtent with himſelf. For why does he ſpeak to the point, unleſs to gratify the curioſity of the company; and why gratify that curioſity, unleſs he ſuppoſes it a reaſonable inclination?

Here the Templer ended, and the Cantabrigian took up the diſcourſe with great impatience in his looks: what he ſay'd may poſſibly be the ſubject of another letter, from,

Sir, your humble ſervant, &c.

SIR,

THE accounts, with which the papers have of late been filled, of the progreſs and ſucceſs of Dr. Taylor, the eminent occuliſt, brought to my mind a ſtory which I had ſomewhere read, of an extraordinary cure in that kind. I think, it was SESOSTRIS, one of the kings of Egypt, who, being blind for many years, was reſtor'd to the uſe of his eyes, by looking, (as my author ſays,) at a woman, who had never known any man beſides her own husband: from whence probably it is, that we proverbially ſay of thoſe perſons whom we ſeldom ſee, that *a ſight of them is good for ſore eyes.*

As theſe accounts, and this ſtory employ'd my evening-thoughts, I could not eaſily diſengage myſelf from the ſubject when I lay down. I was ſometimes inclining to believe the doctor marry'd, and many of thoſe cures, for which he is ſo famous, due to the conjugal fidelity of his wife; tho' I could not at laſt but conclude the virtue loſt, ſince we ſee ſo few effects of it. Theſe thoughts, with which I cloſed my eyes, no doubt, occaſioned the enſuing dream.

I had (me thought) been the SESOSTRIS of Great Britain. I hope there is no treaſon in ſleep. I am ſure I never dreamt of royalty before, at leaſt on ſo hard terms, as the loſs of my ſight. I was for ſome time inconſolable for the loſs of a ſenſe, which the beauty of my fair country-women gave me ſo many opportunities of gratifying above any other monarch of the univerſe; but I was ſoon comforted by reflecting on their virtue, which afforded me ſo eaſy a remedy.

Big with this hope, I immediately ſent for SOPHRONA, a matron of a moſt exemplary piety; but was ſurpriz'd to find her peremptorily refuſe to undertake the cure. She indeed afterwards alleged in her excuſe, that ſhe looked upon my blindneſs as a judgment from above; and could not without impiety oppoſe herſelf to the will of heaven. The next I ſent to was SAPHIRA, whoſe domeſtic life and regular behaviour I had for many years been witneſs to; but ſhe alſo deſired to be excuſed, for that ſhe had been lately, in complyance to the humour of ſome young company, prevailed on to go to the maſquerade and was ſo fatigued, ſhe could not poſſibly go abroad. The like excuſe made many others. Some were harraſs'd at balls; others by ſitting up late at cards. Some had gotten colds at the opera, others at the play-houſe; and numbers were out a viſiting, and not expected home in any reaſonable time. DELIA, who, ſince the death of her husband, had lived the example of female conſtancy, and devoted herſelf to ſtrict mourning and ſolitude, rejecting, with grief and indignation, all offers of a ſecond marriage; and even declining the company, and conſolation of her friends, might, doubtleſs, have done the buſineſs, if ſhe could have been ſeen; but it ſeems the meſſenger had no ſooner told his buſineſs, but her footman, a young handſome fellow, anſwered him pertly, that his lady was not to be ſpoken to.

Thus diſappointed on all ſides, I ſummoned my council, and deſired their advice; who, after a very grave debate, offered to ſend for their ſeveral ladies, each ſollicitous to be himſelf the inſtrument of my happineſs. I thank'd them heartily for their zeal; but remembring that they all uſed ſpectacles, I choſe rather to truſt to the daughter of one of them, who being yet but ſeven years old, was betrothed to a wealthy heir, her father's ward. To this it was objected, that the bride, not being of years to conſummate, this inchoate marriage did not intitle her to the privileges of a matron.

All this while I had forgotten my own wife, who, methought, enter'd the room in this inſtant of my perplexity; and, to my unſpeakable joy, immediately open'd my eyes: which indeed ſhe ſoon did by the loud thundering rap of her chair-man at the ſtreet door, when I heard the watch cry paſt three o'clock and a moon-light morning.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

OCULATUS HENROOST.

P. S. My humble ſervice to the ladies at the Fiddle-ſaddle club.

VERSES *made at Sea.*

NO more ye Muſes, tell of verdant plains,
Where beauteous nymphs are ſung by coward ſwains;
Where DAMON, big with love, to forreſts goes,
And am'rous lowns to trees declare their woes;
Where ſqueaking pipes the fair one's worth proclaim,
And docile woods learn to repeat her name:
Where uſeleſs ſighs the winds to PHILLIS bear.
And DAMON only dyes in metaphor.
I like love-ſcenes drawn from the watry plains;
Fraught with ſtout heroes and intrepid ſwains;
Where PORTS are pretty PHILLIS's; and lowns,
When deſtitute of nymphs, in love with towns;
Where ſails are th' only leaves which DAMON ſees,
And lovers talk to maſts inſtead of trees;
Who never ſigh but when the zephyrs fail,
Then ſend a breeze of ſighs t' improve the gale.
In regal ſtate ſee here the ſovereign ſwain
(The winds his guards) rides o'er the ſubject main:
Hark! with majeſtic voice, untaught to ſqueak;
Steady! he cries, and ſtruts along the deck:
The words far diſtant cabins quickly learn,
And *ſteady! ſteady!* echoes from the ſtern.
His heart impatient, he, tho' billows riſe,
And leagues divide, ſalutes her with his eyes:
On top-maſt perch'd, when guns and trumpets fail,
They march before to tell the am'rous tale.
Does night approach? e'en then he ſkim's the deep,
And flyes to kiſs his miſtreſs when aſleep.
Quick-ſands and rocks he ſcorns, fir'd with her charms,
Nor quits his courſe till harbour'd in her arms;
Or, if that bliſs ſeverer fate denyes,
He acts the lover honeſtly, and —— dyes.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
D A. *Daily Advertiſer:*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *June* 21. Mr. John Collier is appointed deputy cloſet keeper to his majeſty. *DP. DA.* — Laſt monday the hon. James Brudenell Eſq; was re-elected member for Andover in Hants. *P. DJ.* And the lord Harry Powlett for that county. *DJ.* He will be re-elected. *DP. June* 22.

Mr. Marcus Moſes has ſold the fine large green diamond to the emperor for 36,000 l. *LE.* — Yeſterday at a general court of the South-ſea company, it was unanimouſly agreed to allow the further time of one month to the proprietors for bringing in their bonds, to be mark'd at 3 1 half per cent. *C. DP. DA.* About 300,000 l. having not been brought in. *DJ.*

Yeſterday his excellency the Spaniſh embaſſador, and the right hon. Sir Rob. Walpole, had a long conference with the right hon. the lord Harrington, on affairs of great importance. *LE.* —— My brother *here repreſents* his excellency and Sir Robert, *on one ſide, and his* lordſhip *on the other.*

The ſame day in the Court of common pleas Weſtminſter, Mary Baxter received 10 l. damage of her maſter, for locking her up, and falſely impriſoning her at his houſe in Chelſea for 3 days; and likewiſe 10 l. 13 s. 2 d. for yearly and board-wages, and money laid out. *C.* Sir John Brown. *DJ.*

Portſmouth, June 19. Yeſterday the right hon. Sir Cha. Wager, Sir Tho. Frankland, and Mr. Winnington,

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ords of the admiralty, ſettled every thing relating to the academy; and all things will be in a readineſs by midſummer for the reception of ſuch young gentlemen (whoſe limits are 30) as ſhall be upon that eſtabliſhment. *DJ.*

Anthony Duncomb, of Soho-ſquare Eſq; member for New Sarum, will be created a peer of Great Britain. *LE. SJ.* — *Some of* my brethren *think it abſolutely neceſſary to increaſe the number of* peers.

We hear from Droitwich in Worceſterſhir, that Capt. Hide, formerly an old commander in the Weſt-India ſervice, had been ſome time in ſinking of a pit for brine for making of ſalt; having got through the talk without any accident, and digging about 200 foot from the ground, diſcovered the ſalt ſpring, which immediately roſe up to the top of his pit; which is like to prove very advantageous to him, and of great ſervice to the country. *C.*

Yeſterday (and not before) George Wright Eſq; member for Leiceſte, was married to miſs Clarges, only daughter of Sir Thomas, Bar. *LE.* — My brethren married *them a fortnight ago.*

Laſt monday George Harriſon of Duke-ſtreet, Weſtminſter Eſq; was married to miſs Ramſhaw, daughter of James Ramſhaw Eſq; of Parſons-green, a beautiful young lady, and a fortune of 5000 l. *P.*—This report in the papers of yeſterday, was without Without foundation. *P. June* 22. — This report *was* in no paper of yeſterday, *but his own.*

FRIDAY, *June* 22. Yeſterday in the court of Exchequer Weſtminſter, came on a trial between the Eaſt-India company and Mr. Naſh, their late ſupercargoe; when the jury brought in a verdict for the former of 26,864 l. damage, with coſts of ſuit. *C. DP.* For importing gold unlicenc'd, and contrary to law; as to the penalty, they brought in their verdict *ſpecial. DJ.*

Extract of a letter from Briſtol, June 18. — Sir Abraham Elton Bar. is juſt come to town. In the firſt place went a great many weavers, and next the muſic; Sir Abraham's ſon and nephew finely mounted at the head of above 500 horſe, with tobacco in their hats, ſome gilt; then the coaches, and juſt before Sir Abraham's, a dozen men in white ſhirts, dreſſed with ribbons. The bells of moſt of the churches have been ringing the greateſt part of the day; colours on a great many of them flying; and the great guns firing ſtill; the houſes dreſſed with boughs, &c. *P.*

Laſt week Mr. Haſelden and Mr. Hume, were elected members of the new academy at Portſmouth. *P.* — Mr. Kinderby is appointed to make the river Dee navigable, purſuant to an act paſſed the laſt ſeſſion. *DP.*

On wedneſday night the lady of the right hon. earl Cowper was ſafely delivered of a daughter. *P. DP. DA.*

Married, yeſterday morning Will. Vernon of Sudbury in Staffordſhire, to the hon. Mrs. Mary Howard, youngeſt daughter of the late lord Howard of Effingham, and ſiſter to Sir Will. Yonge's lady. *DP. DA.* — Sir John Gifford, at S. George's Hanover ſquare, to miſs Meredith, niece of Dr. Jernegan, an agreeable young lady of 30,000 l. *P.* — Sir John Giffard to Mrs. Arundell, eldeſt daughter, and coheir of the late Ric. Arundell (Bealing) Eſq; a lady of 40,000 l. *DP.* — *My* brother WE. *gives us both articles, as two different weddings.*

Died, yeſterday morning at Highgate Mrs. Eliz. Watſon, a maiden gentlewoman of 95, who left ſeveral charitable legacies, particularly 300 l. to the poor of S. George's Southwark. *C. P. DP. DJ.* — It was her cuſtom for many years, to entertain ſeveral poor people in her neighhood with a dinner every tueſday, the day of the week on which ſhe was born. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *June* 23. Yeſterday the right hon. the lord Lovell kiſſed his majeſty's hand, being appointed one of the poſt-maſters general. *P.* We hear he will be made, &c. *DJ.* — We hear that an order has paſſed his majeſty's board of works for taking down the old ſtabling at S. James's, in order for their being rebuilt this ſummer in a beautiful manner. *C. DP.* *This* order has paſſed *ſeveral times before*, in order *to fill up a paragraph.* — We hear that Sir Phil. Yorke his majeſty's attorney-general, will be created a peer, and made lord high chancellor of Great Britain. *DP.*

On thurſday began the quarter-ſeſſions for Weſtminſter at Weſtminſter-hall, when Sir John Godſon, the chairman, open'd the ſame, with a very eloquent and learned ſpeech or charge of about 3 quarters of an hour, which he deliver'd without the leaſt ſtop or heſitation; and all the juſtices return'd him thanks, and deſired him to permit the ſame to be printed. *DP.* An incomparable, learned, and fine charge. *DA.*

On wedneſday the truſtees for the colony of Georgia receiv'd an account, that they are all in good health, and go on briskly with the new town of Savannah, and are in perfect amity with all the Indians; and that they have erected a battery of ſeveral pieces of cannon, in a fort that commands the river. *DJ.*

Yeſterday a trial came on in the court of common pleas, Weſtminſter, between a tallow chandler, plaintiff, and a doctor that undertakes to cure mad perſons, defendant, for an aſſault, battery, and falſe impriſonment: it appear'd that the defendant, in contedracy with the plantiff's wife, brought a coach to a cellar in the Hay-market, and ſent a porter to the plantiff, acquainting him, that his brother at White-chapel was dying: he came along with him to the cellar, where the coach and ſeveral others were waiting; and after drinking a pint or two of wine, he went with them into the coach, when they drove directly away to the mad houſe, where they confin d him for 4 or 5 days, till ſuch time as his wife and her confederates had made away with his effects: after a full hearing, the jury brought in a verdict 100 l. damages for the plaintiff, with coſts of ſuit. *P.* — Will. Wateridge and Dr. Wright. *DJ.* — *This* Doctor, *it ſeems*, undertakes *to make* perſons mad, *in order* to cure *them.*

Died, yeſterday morning in Goodman's fields, Mr. La Roach, an eminent French wine-merchant, ſaid to be worth upwards of 20,000 l. *C.*—In Great Ormond-ſtreet, the lady of Sam. Turner Eſq; in child-bed. *P.*

MONDAY, *June* 25. A theatre is erecting at Guy's hoſpital for cutting for the ſtone, which will be ready for that purpoſe by September. *DJ.* — Guy's hoſpital was erected, *I think, for* incurables: *I hope this* theatre is *not* erecting *for the like.* — On friday came on a cauſe at the Marſhalſea court, Southwark, wherein a quaker was plaintiff, and a child of 4 years of age and her guardians defendants. The child had a ſore finger, and the plaintiff pretending to cure it, it turned to a mortification, and he cut it off, and brought in a bill of 15 l. and arreſted the child for the ſame, and confined her ſeveral weeks in the Marſhalſea priſon. But it being proved, that the plaintiff was not bred a regular ſurgeon, he was nonſuited; upon which he thought fit to withdraw, for fear of being taken into cuſtody. The court ordered the officer who arreſted the child to be taken into cuſtody. *P.* — *He uſed* the carnal weapon *too much for a true* quaker.

Yeſterday morning the lady of the lord Char. Cavendiſh was ſafely delivered of a ſon, to the great joy of that noble family. *P.*

Married, Yeſterday about 4 in the afternon, the right hon. the earl of Jerſey, to her grace the dutcheſs dowager of Bedford, at her grace's houſe in Pall-mall, by the right rev. the lord biſhop of Hereford, and afterwards they ſet out for his lordſhip's ſeat near Uxbridge. *C.* On ſaturday by Dr. Hen. Egerton her uncle; and yeſterday they ſet out, &c. *DP. DA.*

Died, on friday at Paddington Mrs. Forreſter. — On ſaturday Dr. Wadſworth, an eminent phyſician. *C.*

TUESDAY, *June* 26. A curious picture of Sir Rob. Walpole, done by Cha. Gervaſe Eſq; has been lately ſent over to his highneſs the prince of Orange. — We hear, that his majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the hon. Col. Fane, colonel of the firſt troop of horſe grenadier guards, to be colonel of the firſt troop of horſe-guards, in the room of the lord Herbert; and that Sir Rob. Rich is appointed to ſucceed Col. Fane. *DP.* — Yeſterday Rob. Weſtley Eſq, citizen and merchant-taylor, and Michael Hillerſdon Eſq; citizen, were unanimouſly elected ſheriffs for the city of London, &c. and Mr Ric. Wills was elected an ale-conner, &c. *C.* &c.

The ſame day Dr. Betteſworth, dean of the arches, pronounced ſentence in a cauſe between Mr. Mendez da Coſta a Jew, plaintiff, and Mrs. Mendez da Coſta, a Jewes, defendant, touching a mutural contract of marriage made by Mr. Mendez to the lady: he pronounced ſentence in favour of the lady. *C.* — *This was an odd ſort of* mutual contract, made *only* by *him* to *her.* — A letter was produced, ſaid to be wrote by the lady to Mr. Mendez, wherein were theſe words; "I will marry you, as ſoon as the "time is out for the mourning for my late husband": but the advocates for the lady endeavoured to make it appear, that the letter was not wrote by her, but by one Mrs. Webb, who was concerned in carrying on the affair. The judge gave ſentence, that there was nothing in the caſe that did properly amount to a contract. *DA.*

The ſame day the governors of the Charter-houſe held a meeting to elect a certain number ſo boys to be ſent to the univerſity, and to receive others in their room. *DA.* — The ſame day ſeveral artificers were employed to erect ſcaffolds, in order to new caſe the weſt end of Weſtminſter abbey. *DJ.*

WEDNESDAY, *June* 27. The queen has bought the lady Buckworth's houſe near Richmond at fourteen years purchaſe. — We hear Sir George Caſwall Knt. repreſentative for Leominſter, will ſpeedily be created a peer of Great Britain. *DP.*

Yeſterday at a general court of the York-buildings company, Solomon Aſhley Eſq; was choſen governor, Capt. Able deputy-governor, in the room of Col. Horſey and his ſon: and the company came to a reſolution to proſecute ſome perſons who had been at the head of their affairs for male practices, greatly derrimental to the proprietors of the company. *C. DP.*

Mr. Mendez da Coſta, who was caſt in the court of Arches on monday, has appealed to a court of delegates, and the ſaid cauſe will be reheard in Serjeans-inn hall in Chancery-lane, ſome time next Hilary term. *DA.*

Yeſterday the ſeſſions began at Hicks's-hall, and this day the ſame begins at Guild-hall, and to-morrow at the Old Baily. *DA.* — Yeſterday at Guild-hall, this day at Hicks's-hall. *P.*

The ſame day the lady of George Withers Eſq; was ſafely delivered of a ſon, at her houſe in Kenſington-ſquare. The child is dead. *P.*

Married, laſt week Mr. Tho. Giles, an eminent Flanders merchant, to miſs — Cranidge, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and a very handſome fortune. *DJ.*

Died, on the 15th inſtant at ſea, on board the Baltick merchant, the rev. Dr. Herbert, chaplain to the firſt regiment of foot-guards, in his return from Georgia in America. *DA.* — On ſunday Mr. Smith the city bricklayer. *DP. DA.* — On monday Mr. Cold, yeoman of the bread-pantry to his majeſty. *C. DP.* — Yeſterday at Kenſington the lady of Mr. juſtice Denton. *P. DP. DA.*

The ſame day as Mrs. Bedſworth of Suffolk-ſtreet was coming by the two blue poſts in Hedge-lane, a tile fell off the houſe upon her head, which fractured her skull in ſuch a manner, that her life is in great danger. *P.*

At the oratory ..... on thurſday next ..... N.B. As I had the favour of being unanimouſly elected chaplain for this year to the free maſons, (a ſtation far more honourable than the biſhoprick of London) I will, by God's bleſſing, endeavour to acknowledge it on this occaſion. J. HENLEY. *DJ. June* 21. — *A* chaplain to the Free-maſons, for one year, *is, it ſeems, not only a* more honourable *perſon than a* biſhop; *but* HE *is* a far more honourable ſtation than the biſhopric of London. — To morrow evening at ſix, the Elogium on Free-maſonry will be ſpoken cloath'd, and the grand officers have deſired the brethren to appear cloath'd at ſt. *DJ. June* 27. — The elogium *is to be* cloath'd *with all the ornaments* of *rhetoric*; *and* the brethren *are* to appear cloath'd, *and not* ſtripped, *like* Adamites, *as might be ſuſpected from the heat of the weather.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

SIR,

HAving lately read a collection of entertaining and agreeable poems, I found a beautiful burleſque, or parody, of a very unmeaning copy of verſes, wrote by A. P——PE Eſq; which I ſend you to publiſh in your Journal. I do not doubt but the public will be pleaſed with the humourous ridicule of ſuch ſort of poetical productions, as are only found without ſenſe.

To S—RA CUZZONI.

LITTLE Syren of the ſtage,
Charmer of an idle age;
Empty warbler, breathing lyre,
Wanton gale of fond deſire;
Bane of ev'ry manly art,
Sweet enfeebler of the heart:
Oh, too pleaſing is thy ſtrain,
Hence, to ſouthern climes again:
Tuneful miſchief, vocal ſpell,
To this iſland bid farewell;
Leave us, as we ought to be,
Leave the Britons, rough and free.

The FLEA. *Inſcribed to* NAMBY PAMBY.

Little hind'rer of my reſt,
Thus I tear thee from my breaſt:
Boſom traytor! pinching harm!
Wounding me, who kept thee warm!
Through my skin thou ſcatter'ſt pains,
Crimſon'd o'er with circling ſtains.
Skipping miſchief! ſwift as thought!
Sanguine inſect — ? art thou caught—!
Nought avail thy nimble ſprings,
Caus'd perhaps by viewleſs wings:
Thoſe thy teeth that cheat our ſight,
Ceaſe their titillating bite:
I, from all thy vengeance freed,
Safe ſhall ſleep, and ceaſe to bleed.

Your humble ſervant,
IRONICUS.

Extract of letters from South Carolina, *Ap.* 12. — The affairs of this province are in the utmoſt confuſion; Mr. St. John, ſurveyor-general, &c. has been in cuſtody ever ſince Feb. 10. Beſides the warrants iſſued againſt ſeveral gentlemen who went lately to London, many others are ſince made out. Mr. Cooper, one of the aſſiſtant judges, ſtill remains in cuſtody, with moſt of the gentlemen of the law here, for endeavouring to obtain writs of *habeas corpus* to enquire into the legality of thoſe numerous com-

ſtirments. — People in trade are much alarm'd at the late attempts to encreaſe the exorbitant quantity of paper money. Thoſe who have any ſhare of property lodged here, are under the moſt uneaſy apprehenſions. — A ſtop is put to all other buſineſs: we deſpair of ſeeing any end, but by ſome ſpeedy and effectual meaſures from Great Britain, &c. *DP. June* 21.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *June* 22.— *Dantzick, June* 20. The French are negotiating large ſums of money here, to be remitted to Warſaw; beſides which, a ſhip loaded with the moſt exquiſite French wine is arrived here from Rouen. *C.*

SATURDAY, *June* 23. There is a report that the Ruſſians intend to enter Poland, even before the election, thereby to ſecure the freedom of votes at the dyet. *SJ. LE.* — *Some accounts have intimated, that the emperor ſeemed likely to do the ſame: which occaſioned the following poetical reflection by* Mr. MÆVIUS.

Bleſt realm! where no hereditary right
Intail'd, unchang'd, exalts ſome changeling wight:
But one, in whom all princely arts have ſhone,
By fair election mounts the canvaſs'd throne:
Unbrib'd, unaw'd, where patriots ſmiling ſee
Two foreign armies march to keep them free,

WEDNESDAY *June* 27.— *Hague, June* 26. Our laſt letters from Dreſden adviſe, that the Saxon troops were marching to form a camp at Guben; and we are told, that the emperor, the Czarina, the king of Pruſſia, and the elector of Saxony will oppoſe the election of king Staniſlaus with all their forces; ſo we look upon a war as almoſt unavoidable; for we cannot believe the French will put up that affront, were the cardinal twice as pacific as he is.— It is currently reported at Bruſſels, that upon the complaint of the Engliſh and Dutch that the Auſtrian Netherlands were too much expoſed to an invaſion on the part of France, the emperor has given orders for the march of 40,000 men thither: but this news is of that ſort, that we will believe it when we ſee it. *P.*

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